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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1944

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AS TO THE

Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District

FOR THE YEAR 1944.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of Wainford Rural District.*

Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

STATISTICS.

Area. 44,871 acres.

Population. 6,110.

Inhabited Houses. 1,688.

Rateable Value. £16,659.

Sum raised by Penny Rate. £72 19s. 8d.

Births.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Live Legitimate	48	49	} 107	Birth-rate per 1000, 17·5. (Rate for England, 17·6.)
„ Illegitimate	7	3		

Still Births.

Legitimate	1	1	} 5	Rate per 1000, ·81. (Rate for England, ·50).
Illegitimate	2	1		

Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total.	
All causes	37	37	74	Rate per 1000, 12·1. (Rate for England, 11·6).
Infantile Mortality, (deaths under 1 year)				
Legitimate	1	—	1	Rate per 1000 live births, 9·3. (Rate for England, 46).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles ..	27	Pneumonia ..	2
Whooping Cough	25	Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Infective Jaundice	24	Diphtheria ..	1
Scarlet Fever ..	8		
TOTAL ..	89.		

Infectious disease incidence, 13 per 1000 population.

Diphtheria Inoculation. Estimated proportion done: under 5 years, 38 per cent.; 5 to 15 years, 47 per cent. These numbers are still much too low. This is due mainly to the scattered population and the difficulty of getting parents together from lack of transport.

Scabies diminished very much during the year.

Notification of all infectious disease is satisfactory.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Seven cases were notified during the year. Age and sex incidence as follows:

Pulmonary	M	F	Non-pulmonary	M	F
	18	46		53	57
	20	—		—	13
	28	—			

No deaths occurred. Of the above cases, one was a Service case and another was a transfer from an outside district.

Fourteen cases remained on the register at the end of the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

		M.	F.			M.	F.
Syphilis		—	1	Bronchitis		5	2
Influenza		—	2	Pneumonia		3	—
Cancer, of mouth		1	—	Digestive disease		—	1
,, of breast & uterus		—	2	Nephritis		1	1
,, other sites		8	2	Suicide		—	1
Apoplexy		5	5	Road traffic		1	—
Heart disease		9	15	Other violence		2	—
Other circulatory diseases		—	1	Other causes		2	4

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Water. The supply from public sources is satisfactory in quantity and quality but these are very limited and local. Private sources and old ponds are very unsatisfactory in quantity and unreliable in quality. Extension of public schemes under the County plans are more urgently needed than in almost any other district. The Sanitary Inspector has given details in support in his report.

Milk. No tuberculosis sample has been reported in the year.

Housing. Fourteen new houses have been erected for agricultural workers.

Sewerage. Nuisance arose from the overloading of the Flixton Airdrome system; maintenance was also at fault. After inspection the latter was improved, but in spite of reports forwarded to the Ministry no alteration of the scheme has been effected.

HUBERT PEDLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1944.

To the Chairman and Members.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

Periodically visits of inspection have been made of the district for existing and any likely causes of nuisances, and complaints received have been given immediate attention for the abatement of same with the least possible delay.

HOUSING.

No new houses have been erected by private enterprise. The 14 new houses erected by the Council for agricultural workers in conjunction with the War Agricultural Committee's Housing Scheme were, as from September onwards, completed and occupied. Owing to the housing shortage, temporary licences are still in force on several condemned houses allowing them to be occupied as dwellings. No condemned houses have been demolished.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Periodical inspections of the cowsheds and dairies have been made, and were generally found to be kept in a satisfactory condition. In a few cases it was found necessary to serve notices for cleaning and lime-washing to be carried out.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

After the removal of patients to the Isolation Hospital, and the recovery of cases where efficient isolation was possible at home, the rooms, bedding, etc., were thoroughly fumigated and disinfected, and investigations made.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Owing to the drought, various ponds and wells were severely affected, and it was found necessary to resort to carting water to several parts of the district for domestic purposes. The supply from the various boreholes was not affected, there being ample supply of water at all times. The samples of water analyzed, both chemically and bacteriologically, proved to be wholesome and fit for all domestic purposes.

The Council's public water supplies are as follows: There are three separate piped supplies situate in different parts of the district, these being supplied by three wind-mill pumps fitted with power heads raising water to storage tanks with a capacity of 8,800 gallons from three bore-holes. There are four miles of water mains with tapplings to which 30 road-side stand pipes are fixed. For other public supplies the Council have eight bore-holes and 26 dug wells; these are fitted with hand pumps.

There are 11 houses with a supply taken from the above mains into the houses, and from the Worlingham Park Housing Estate piped supply there are 68 houses with a supply taken into the houses.

It is difficult to estimate the number of houses supplied with water taken from the stand pipes as no charge is made, and water is taken by occupiers of farm houses and cottages from stand pipes in some cases over a mile from their dwellings.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

The weekly house refuse collection is carried out by contractors in the parishes of North Cove, Worlingham and Holton in a satisfactory manner. The house refuse tips are treated by the contractor periodically for any likely infestation by rats.

RAT DESTRUCTION.

The Council again co-operated with the County Council Agricultural Committee in carrying out rat destruction campaigns during the months of February and March, 1944, also October to March, 1945, eight months in all, resulting in 13,289 rat carcasses being brought in to the 19 collecting stations. The total amount of rewards paid was £110 14s. 10d.

SALVAGE COLLECTION.

Good work in connection with collection of salvage for the schemes of recovery has been carried out, and average collections made.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Twenty-six cottages, some hired and others requisitioned, have been in use for housing evacuees ; these have been kept in reasonable repair. Amount collected from evacuees towards evacuation fund, £200.

Provision of Shelters. An additional 13 Morrison shelters have been distributed to dwelling-houses within specified areas of the district.

War Damage. The few incidents were dealt with, and first-aid repairs, etc., were carried out as promptly as possible owing to the shortage of local labour. One large incident necessitated the use of outside labour.

Your obedient servant,

H. EARL, CERT. R.S.I.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

